

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that claims 1, 3-19 and 21-29 are pending, and that claims 1, 3-16, and 18 are rejected. The Examiner allowed claims 17, 19, and 21-29. In view of the above amendments and the following discussion, the Applicants submit that none of the claims now pending in the application are non-statutory under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §101. Thus, Applicants believe that all of these claims are now in condition for allowance.

I. OBJECTIONS

The Examiner objected to claim 18, stating that the phrase "method of comprising" should be "method comprising". Applicants have amended claim 18 to remove the preposition "of", as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the present objection be withdrawn.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3-16, and 18 as reciting a computer readable medium that includes in its definition the transmission of signals. (Office Action, p. 2). Applicants have amended the specification to remove "transmission media or signals as electrical, electromagnetic, or data signals, conveyed via a communication medium such as network and/or a wireless link" from the definition of "carrier medium". Hence, a carrier or computer readable medium in Applicants' specification includes "storage media or memory media such as magnetic or optical media." (Applicants specification as amended, p. 24, line 25-30). The carrier or computer readable medium no longer includes signals in its definition.

As such, Applicants claims 1, 3-16, and 18 each recite an article of manufacture within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §101. Accordingly, Applicants contend that claims 1, 3-16, and 18 are statutory and fully satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §101. Applicants respectfully request that the present rejection be withdrawn.

III. ALLOWED CLAIMS

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 17, 19, and 21-29 are allowed.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that none of the claims presently in the application are non-statutory under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §101. Consequently, the Applicants believe that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Office believes that any unresolved issues still exist or if, in the opinion of the Office, a telephone conference would expedite passing the present application to issue, the Office is invited to call the undersigned attorney directly at 732-917-6320 or the office of the undersigned attorney at 732-978-7100 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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